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William Martin House  
Princess Anne vicinity  
private

c. 1860, c. 1900

The William Martin house is one of three nineteenth century houses located at the end of Clarence Barnes Road. Facing west, this two-story cross gabled farmhouse is extended to the rear by a slightly older two-story service wing. Built around the turn of the twentieth century, the center hall house is lighted by two-over-two sash windows. Entrance is provided through a partially glazed front door. The service wing is a shorter two-story structure, four bays long and one room deep. A brick chimney rises through the roof to heat the two-room plan wing. The interior has been largely remodeled to serve as a modern kitchen.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-354

Magi No. 2003545504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Martin House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number End of Clarence Barnes Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Venton ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Betty Barnes

street & number Rt. 3 Box 335 A telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code MD 21853

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William Martin house stands at the end of Clarence Barnes Road on the north side of the Manokin River near Venton, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story cross-gabled farmhouse faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the asbestos clad frame house consists of two sections dating from slightly different periods. The two-story front portion was built around the turn of the century, while the rear service wing is older and dates to the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Both sections are covered with steeply pitched asphalt shingle roofs.

The west (front) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking ~~two-over-two~~ sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by side-lights and a transom. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a smaller multi-pane sash window. A narrow brick stack rises from the center of the house.

The south gable end has a single-story bay window with paired two-over-two sash windows, and the second floor is also lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash. A pair of single-pane sash light the attic. The eaves to the roof are slightly extended and finished at the base of the roof with short returns.

The service wing is a shorter two-story structure, four bays long and one room deep. A brick chimney rises through the roof between the second and third bay from the east. Attached to the east end of the wing is a single-story shed addition. The service-wing is lighted by a combination of single-pane and six-over-six sash windows. The cornice is boxed and the gable end is flush.

The interior has been moderately remodeled, but the Victorian style woodwork remains largely intact in the front section of the house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

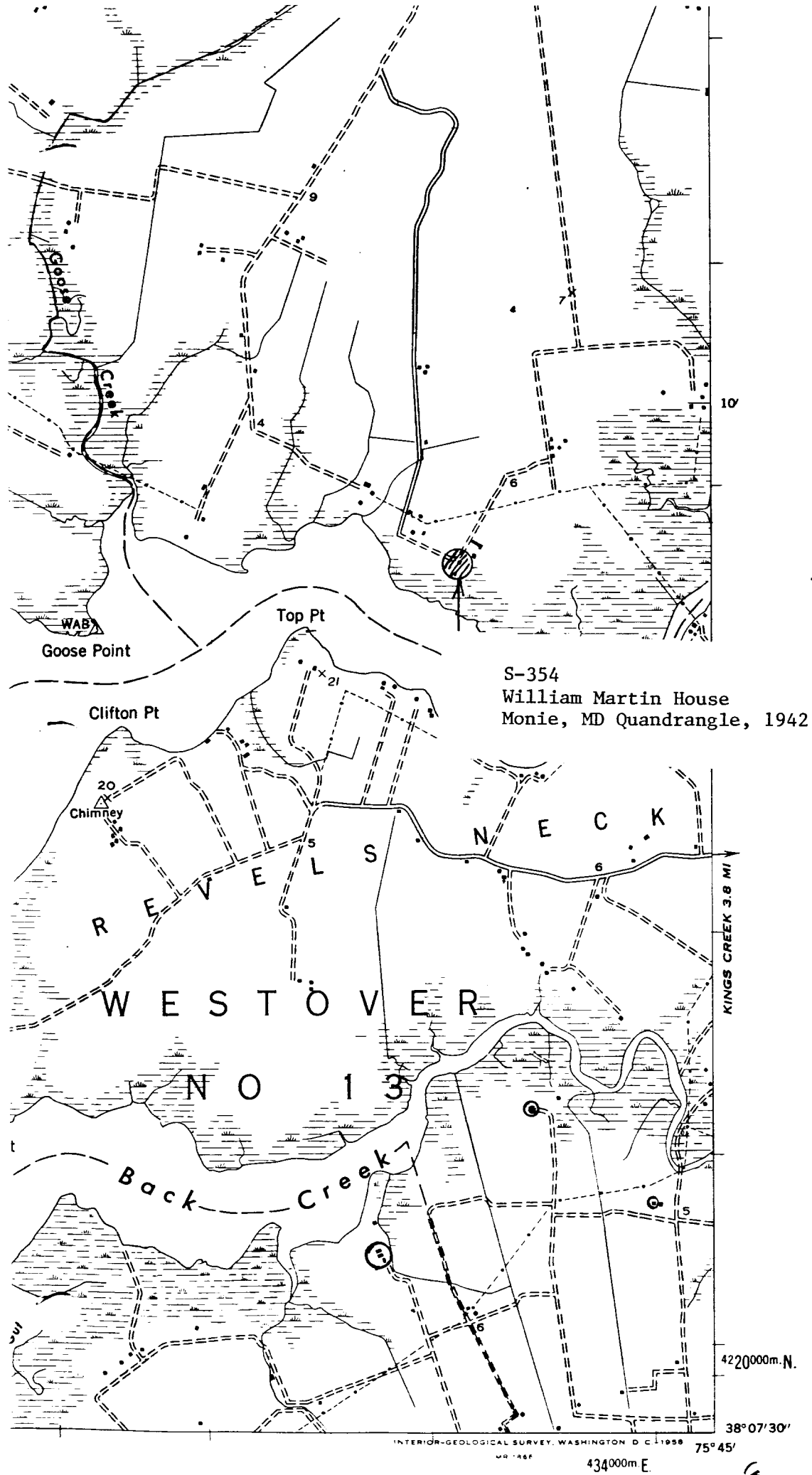
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William Martin house follows the standard form for late nineteenth-century farmhouses. Significant to this example is the slightly earlier date of the service wing. While the front section retains some of its turn of the century appearance and woodwork, the service wing has been largely remodeled for a modern kitchen.







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West Elevation

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South Elevation  
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